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Vide Circular No. 1.

(CIRCULAR NO. 2.)

Surgeon General's Office,

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 23, 1863.*

I..By order of the War Department, the first sentence of paragraph 3, General Orders No. 36, is modified to read as follows: "The final statements and all the discharge papers will be made out under the supervision of the Military Commander, and signed by him, when the soldier is not in a U. S. hospital or under the charge of a U. S. Surgeon. But if he is under a U. S. Surgeon or in a U. S. hospital, the Surgeon will, in either case, make out and sign the discharge and final statements, after the Military Commander has endorsed the authority to discharge the soldier upon the usual certificates of disability."

II..Paragraph I, Circular No. 1, of 1863, from this office, is revoked, in consequence of the foregoing modification.

WM. A. HAMMOND,

Surgeon General.

INVALID SOLDIERS.

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 31, 1863.

It being reported that various parties have obtained money from invalid soldiers under the pretence of assisting them to their discharge from the service, notice is hereby given that certificates of disability for discharge to soldiers in general hospitals and camps are only given by the surgeon in charge of such hospital or camp, and the obtrusive efforts of persons claiming to be special agents retard instead of hasten the preparation of discharge papers. All soldiers are warned against giving money on such plea to any person whatever.

By order of the Surgeon General:

JOSEPH R. SMITH, Surgeon U. S. Army.

